

GRANTS FOR CRITICAL HOME REPAIRS

“Assisting individuals and families to remain in their homes and live independently in a safe and sound environment”

City of Columbus Neighborhood Pride Initiative

HOME SAFE AND SOUND PROGRAM

There is no re-payment, application fee or initial deposit required for services provided through this program. There are no door-to-door solicitations or unannounced home visits.

City representatives are available to meet with homeowners *by appointment only*.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED DURING THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR EACH PRIDE

2018 Neighborhood Pride Areas	First Day Applications Available	Last Day Applications Available
Schumacher Place	May 14, 2018	June 29, 2018
Strawberry Farms	June 4, 2018	July 20, 2018
Pinecrest / Beechwood	July 23, 2018	September 7, 2018
Georgian Heights	September 24, 2018	November 9, 2018

Home Safe And Sound Program Eligibility

Eligible geographic locations, properties and households are designated by the City of Columbus Department of Development under the guidance of funding sources, rules and regulations. All initiatives will be subject to the availability of funding.

The Chart below provides information on income qualifying criteria. Additional eligibility criteria and program guidelines are listed on the reverse side.

INCOME LIMITS FOR HOME SAFE AND SOUND PROGRAM

FAMILY SIZE	1 PERSON	2 PERSONS	3 PERSONS	4 PERSONS
80% of median income	\$42,800	\$48,900	\$55,000	\$61,100
FAMILY SIZE	5 PERSONS	6 PERSONS	7 PERSONS	8 PERSONS
80% of median income	\$66,000	\$70,900	\$75,800	\$80,700

Income limits effective April 1, 2018

WHAT MONEY IS AVAILABLE?

Applicants may be eligible for Grants of up to \$20,000 for home repairs depending on household income and other underwriting criteria. Financing is dependent on availability of funds.

WHO DO I CALL?

The Home Safe and Sound Intake Line is 614-645-8526. Please email Home_Safe_and_Sound@Columbus.gov with any questions.

DOES MY HOME QUALIFY?

1. You must own and live in a single family (one unit) home located within the current year Neighborhood Pride areas designations.
2. Multi-family dwellings, mobile homes and/or properties being purchased under land contract agreements do not qualify.

DO I QUALIFY?

1. You must have owned and occupied the home for a minimum of one year prior to applying for funds.
2. You must be a household earning 80% or less of the area median income (AMI) as determined by HUD with adjustments for household size (see chart). Income of all adult occupants is counted.
3. Your mortgage payments and property taxes must be current at the time of application. There can be no unresolved, active foreclosures, liens, tax certificates nor judgments.

WHAT KIND OF WORK CAN BE DONE ON MY HOME?

1. The Home Safe and Sound Program provides for prioritized essential home repairs. City staff will work with you to determine the priority and amount of work that is allowable under the Home Safe and Sound program guidelines.
2. Funds can be used for work necessary to correct substandard, unsanitary or deteriorated condition(s). Types of repairs include correcting lead paint hazards; replacing roof and roofing elements; furnaces; hot water tanks; gas, water and sewer lines; minor electric; securing bowing/shifting basement walls.
3. Funds may also be used for health, safety, and accessibility work including but not limited to: installing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, ramps, and handrails in accordance with City housing standards.

WHO DOES THE REPAIR WORK?

You will contract with a private, City-licensed contractor selected through a bidding process with contractors on the City's Home Safe and Sound Participating Contractor List.

HOW LONG BEFORE THE WORK IS COMPLETED?

The average home repair project from the time of application until completion of repairs is nine to twelve months.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF ME, THE APPLICANT?

1. An applicant must submit a completed application and all requested documents to the City in a timely manner.
2. An applicant must work cooperatively with City staff and private contractors to ensure a successful home repair project.

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